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SUBJECT: SALE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO PANAMANIAN

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IG/ARA DECISION MEMORANDA NO. 36 AND 44 CONTAIN NO PRO-
HIBITION AGAINST GN ACQUISITION OF WEAPONS USING FMS.
ULTIMATE GOAL OF U.S. SALES EFFORT, HOWEVER, IS TO
ENCOURAGE COMMERCIAL PROGRAM RATHER THAN FMS. MOREOVER,
WE ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING UNDER VERY LIMITED CONTINUING
RESOLUTION FOR FY 74 FMS CREDIT, AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT
THIS PURCHASE COULD BE AFFORDED SUFFICIENT PRIORITY TO
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QUALIFY FOR THESE SCARCE FUNDS. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE

GOP TO MAKE THE TRANSACTION AS A FMS CASH SALE. SINCE
THE GOP HAS BEEN PURCHASING U.S. WEAPONS COMMERCIALY
SINCE 1969, DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE IMPORTANT
SECURITY AND/OR POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH WOULD NOW
JUSTIFY SHIFTING FROM COMMERCIAL PURCHASE TO CASH SALES
OF M-16 AND OTHER U.S. WEAPONS TO PANAMA UNDER FMS? ROGERS

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